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In re: Patent application of :
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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This is in response to the official action mailed July 2, 2003 in the above-identified patent application.

Per the petition and fee submitted herewith, applicants invoke the benefit of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 to secure a five-month extension of time up to and including January 2, 2004.

<p align="center">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10</p> <p>EXPRESS MAIL Mailing Label Number: <u>EL 740326146 US</u> Date of Deposit: <u>December 24, 2003</u></p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, and/or fee, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, "EXPRESS MAIL-POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10, on the date indicated above, and addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p align="right"><i>Denise M. Collins</i> Signature of person mailing page: <i>Denise M. Collins</i> Type or print name of person</p>

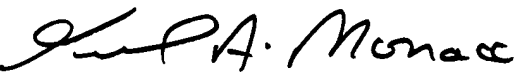
No further fees are believed required at this time. However, if a fee is required, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-20 are subject to restriction. The office action alleges that the application contains six groups of inventions which are not so linked so as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Applicants elect Group I, consisting of claims 1 and claims 4-13 (each of claims 4-13 in part) drawn to a method of facilitating regeneration, growth and/or development of a central nervous system in an animal or bird.

Respectfully submitted

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